THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c). No election broadcast/telecast by any political party in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh was refused because of the use of the word "Vande Mataram". The election broadcast by Bhartiya Janata Party from AIR, Jaipur did not materialise as the Election Commission of India did not permit the use of words "Jai Shri Ram" in the script submitted by BJP. Similarly, the election telecast/broadcast by BJP from Doordarshan Kendra and All India Radio, Lucknow could not take place as the script contained certain references which in the opinion of the Election Commission were not in the interest of national unity or the conduct of free and fair election. The Election Commission advised for modification/deletion of these portions before telecast/broadcast which were not accepted by the State Unit of Bhartiya Janta Party.

Anti-Social activities in Mahila Ashram, Kanpur

3279. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the fact that Mahila Ashram, Kanpur is indulging in anti-social activities *viz.* inadequate food to inmates, non-payment of money of the Tailoring and Knitting works by inmates, fake and false marriages of inmates, 90% of the dowry amount is retained by Ashram Authorities, selling of babies of inmates on the pretext of adoption and selling of young girls to either old persons or Rickshaw Pullers on the name of fake marriages;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted;

(c) if so, the findings of the enquiry; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d). The Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Irregularities in Wakf Board, West Bengal

3280. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA:
SHRI E. AHAMED:
SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the serious irregularities and malpractices in the functioning of the Wakf Board and misappropriation of development funds for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and fraudulent transfers in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of the alleged irregularities and malpractices;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken note of the report of P.K. Sengupta placed on the Table of the West Bengal Legislature;

(d) if so, the main findings of the report; and

(e) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (e). The Government of West Bengal has confirmed receipt of complaints regarding the functioning of Wakf Board in West Bengal and institution of a departmental enquiry to look into them. But the report of the departmental enquiry has not been received from the Government of West Bengal although, there have been references in the Press of such report and discussion of the matter in the State Legislative Assembly. As regards misappropriation of development funds for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and fraudulent transfers in West Bengal, the Union Government has not come across any such case.

Amendment of Control of Future Trading Act

3281. SHRI SARAT PATTANYAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to amend the Control Future Trading the Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1952 (74 of 1952) and the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1952 (12 of 1950);

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by which these Acts likely to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c). An Expert Committee appointed by the Government under the Chairmanship of Prof. Kamal Nayan Kabra to review the working of the Forward Markets in India and make recommendations including Amendments to the Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1952 (74 of 1952), in its report submitted in September, 1994 has, *inter-alia*, recommended some amendments to the Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act. The Government is yet to take a view on the Committee's recommendations pertaining to the amendments to the Act.

There is no proposal at present before the Government to amend the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950. However, a three-member official committee has been constituted to review the entire Act of 1950.

Construction of Private Godowns

3282. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state: